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WAR DEPT. LEASES NEWARK BASE AS STOREHOUSE FOR SUPPLIES FOR NEW YORK

Frank Kenna of New Haven Closes Contract Which Involves Sum of Between Three And Four Million.

Plan Is to Insure Gotham Fresh Supply of Perishable Goods in Time of Strike or Other Occurrences.

Washington, March 18.—The War Department has closed a contract with Frank Kenna of New Haven, Conn., under which the Port Newark storage base will be rented for a period of ten years. The War Department expects to receive about \$4,000,000 under the contract.

Kenna expects to operate the base as a storage and shipping center for perishable supplies for New York City.

Assistant Secretary of War Davis said the plan should relieve congestion and would have the effect of providing a reserve stock against stoppage of the regular flow of perishable provisions into New York by strikes and other occurrences.

Davis's Statement

Mr. Davis said: "A contract as yesterday closed with Frank Kenna of New Haven, Conn., for the rental of the Port Newark storage base for a period of ten years. The new amount which the War Department expects to realize from the contract will be about \$4,000,000.

"Kenna proposes to operate the base as a great storage and shipping organization for perishable supplies, feeding them to New York. This should relieve the present congestion and permit those engaged in the business to carry it on in a manner much more satisfactory to themselves and the public.

"Establishing such a plant will have the further effect of providing what might be termed a reserve stock against strikes or other occurrences which might stop the regular flow into New York of perishable provisions.

"There has been projected for early completion a highway and tube system from Port Newark to New York city which will considerably shorten the journey between the two places. It will place the base within a 30 minute hauling distance of Canal street and make the supplies of the base as readily accessible as though they were located in the city.

The United States on Nov. 1, 1917, secured an option from the city of Newark on the land upon which the base is built. The area comprises 126,171 acres, and on April 16, 1919, the deeds covering the property were finally executed. The original cost of the land was \$1,200,000. The contract for the construction of the buildings composing the base was let October 15, 1917, and involved the cost of \$10,415,252."

Confirms Statement.
New Haven, March 18.—Frank Kenna, lawyer and real estate dealer of this city, today confirmed the announcement from Washington of his lease of the Port Newark storage base. The lease, Mrs. Kenna said, would be turned over to the port of Newark Terminal Co., a lumber corporation in which he is interested with other shipping men. The base would be used, he said, for import and export of lumber, perishable supplies and other goods.

The base consists of nine warehouses on the waterfront. The premises cover 123 acres with a water frontage of 3,100 feet. It comprises 14 miles of railroad tracks. The rental will amount to something over \$3,000,000, Mr. Kenna said.

COOLIDGE AGAIN ISSUES HIS DEFTY TO THE SENATE

Once More Submits Name of Woodlock, but His Opponents Also Stand Pat.

Washington, March 18.—President Coolidge accepted another challenge of the senate majority today and his opponents stood pat.

The president resubmitted the nomination of Thomas F. Woodlock of New York to be a member of the interstate commerce commission which had encountered so much opposition last session that administration leaders did not even bring it to a vote. After a hurried canvass of the situation today the leaders found no change in sentiment and indicated that once again they would let the nomination die on the senate calendar at the sine die adjournment expected late in the day.

In that event it was indicated that the president would give Woodlock a recess appointment after adjournment as he had offered to do in the case of Charles B. Warren after he had twice been refused confirmation by an attorney general.

Death of Curzon Now Is Expected



MARQUIS CURZON

By The Associated Press.

London, March 18.—A bulletin at three o'clock this afternoon by the physician of Marquis Curzon of Kedleston, says the patient is showing early signs of a lung complication. This followed an earlier bulletin stating that Lord Curzon's condition was giving increased anxiety.

It was reported in the lobby of the house of lords this afternoon that Lord Curzon's condition was hopeless.

Marquis Curzon, who collapsed while about to address a meeting at Cambridge on March 6, underwent a serious operation, understood to be for bladder trouble, on March 9, and for a few days thereafter was believed to be making gratifying progress. Insomnia retarded his recovery.

TO SEEK INCREASE IN HOSPITAL STATE FUND

New Britain Institution to Ask Larger Appropriation

(Special to the Herald.)

Hartford, March 18.—Application has been made to the appropriations committee of the general assembly for an increase in the appropriation granted the New Britain General Hospital.

The hospital directors have received \$8,500 annually for several years. With the completion of a new hospital and great extensions in the work of the institution, it is felt that more money should be allowed.

Supt. T. Eben Reeks and others interested in the hospital will appear before the appropriations committee tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock to ask an increase, the amount to be left to the discretion of the committee.

Senator Edward P. Hall's bill to appropriate \$500,000 for the construction of dormitories at the State Normal school in New Britain will be given a hearing before the committee on appropriations, March 25.

A. B. Meredith, state director of education, favored the bill when it was first introduced four years ago and he will appear before the committee to urge favorable action.

Will Senator E. F. Hall, Representative B. W. Ailing and F. O. Rackliffe, and Marcus White, principal of the school.

There seems to be no opposition among legislators who have been interviewed, the only stumbling block being the appropriation committee which is pledged to a program of strict economy.

Representatives Sturges of Woodbury has introduced two bills pertaining to maintenance of the State Normal school in New Britain, and the teachers training school. They will be heard March 25. The bills originated in the state board of education.

Ex-Senator George W. Klett and former State Treasurer E. S. Chamberlain were visitors at the capital today.

QUAKE FELT ABROAD

By The Associated Press.

London, March 18.—Severe earth tremors were felt along the northern coast of the Isle of Jersey and other of the Channel islands between two and three o'clock this morning. Resident declare the shock was the severest felt in the locality for many years. No damage was reported.

Says Husband Burned Initials on Her Back

San Francisco, March 18.—Mrs. Dolores Winfree charged her husband, Theodore Winfree, a sailor, with burning his initials on her back with a hot iron, when she obtained a warrant today, charging him with assault and battery. The husband, which Mrs. Winfree exhibited, was burned into her skin, she said, when her husband believed other men were attentive to her.

Woman Probation Officer Named To Devote Full Time To Office; Miss Bristol Chosen By Court

Assistant to Edward C. Connolly Will Handle Juvenile and Female Cases In Future

Judge Benjamin W. Ailing this morning announced the appointment of Miss Ruth E. Bristol as a full time probation officer, the appointment being effective April 1. In making the announcement, Judge Ailing said that the duties of Probation Officer Edward C. Connolly have increased rapidly until they involve more than one person can accomplish.

The appointment of a full time assistant to Probation Officer Connolly has been under consideration for some time, the judge said, and it was decided that a woman would be more suitable to the needs of the department than a man. Miss Bristol will have charge of the juvenile cases handled by the probation department, as well as cases involving women brought before the police court.

Miss Corn Boale, who has been assistant probation officer, working only part time, will relinquish her duties and devote her entire time to the Welfare association. She was proffered the appointment as probation officer on full time but declined as she felt that the Welfare association had first claim to her services.

Miss Bristol is well fitted for the work which will follow her acceptance of this position as she has occupied positions here and elsewhere in connection with welfare work. After attendance at the Hartford Art school for three years, she became a visitor for the Welfare association, occupying this position for two years at the end of which time she resigned to accept an executive position with the Bristol charity organization. In the fulfillment of the duties of this office she had much



Miss Ruth E. Bristol

to do with probation work as at that time the city of Bristol had only a part time probation officer and consequently much of the work was left to her.

Because of ill health Miss Bristol was compelled to sever her connections with the Bristol Charity organization and she remained at home for two years. Then, with the return of her health, she accepted the position of office secretary of the Visiting Nurses' association which position she now holds and will resign to assume her new duties as full time probation officer.

\$362,232 RECEIPTS AT P. O. LAST YEAR

Increase in Past Three Years
Over 20 Per Cent

SHOWS CITY PROSPEROUS

Rate of Growth Higher Than in Hartford, Bridgeport and Meriden

—Improvement Over 1923 In Every Quarter of Years.

BY GEORGE H. MANNING

(Washington Bureau of N. B. Herald.)

Washington, D. C., March 18.—Increasing by more than 20 per cent in the past three years, postal receipts at the New Britain post office in 1924 reached a total of \$362,232.91, it was learned at the Post Office Department today.

Since 1922, the yearly receipts of the post office in New Britain have shown a steady, consistent advance. This is an indication of a sound business development in the city during this period, since the trend of postal receipts is considered by statisticians who have studied them as a fairly accurate key to business and industrial conditions.

If the present rate of increase in the receipts of New Britain postal establishment continues, this post office will, within another two or three years, reach the \$400,000 mark in its annual business. The \$200,000 mark was passed in 1922.

New Britain has shown as good a relative gain or better the money receipts of its post office during the last three years as has most of its neighbors. Postal receipts in Hartford advanced from \$1,449,276 in 1922 to \$1,711,933 in 1924, an increase of about 18 per cent. Bridgeport's receipts during the same period registered a gain of approximately 16 per cent, increasing from \$688,185 in 1922 to \$796,530 last year. In Meriden postal receipts for the past three years have only made a gain of 15 per cent, advancing from \$219,614 in 1922 to \$251,252 in 1924.

The amount of money taken in by the New Britain post office each year since 1922 is as follows:

1922—\$301,481.41.

1923—\$337,725.16.

1924—\$362,232.91.

As would be expected, due to the increase of postal business by Christmas mail, the last quarter of 1924 was the highest for the year in cash taken in through the post office window. In the last three months of that year, the New Britain post office took in a total of \$104,125 as compared with \$99,475 in the same period of 1923. In the first quarter of 1924, receipts amounted to \$89,352, as against \$80,245 in the first quarter of 1923. Receipts for the second quarter were \$85,767 in 1924, and \$81,145 in 1923; and for the third quarter \$75,776 in 1924, and \$76,561 in 1923.

RELIGIOUS WRITER DIES

Detroit, Mich., March 18.—Henry Wood Booth, an early writer of religious subjects for the Detroit Tribune and the Detroit News Tribune, died at his home in Birmingham, a suburb last night.

KILL UNITED DRY BILL

Harrisburg, Pa., March 18.—The house today defeated the united dry bill providing for licensing and inspection of breweries and distilleries.

IDENTIFY CHAPMAN IN SKELLY MURDER

Witnesses Say Bandit Is Man They Saw Near Scene

NO CHANGE OF VENUE

Judge Jennings Announces Public Will Be Excluded From Superior Court Room During Opening Days of Trial But Admitted Later.

Gerald Chapman will go before a Hartford county jury to answer the charge of murdering Patrolman James Skelly. This was decided yesterday afternoon, denying the motion of counsel for Chapman, asking for a change of venue so that his client could be placed on trial in some other county of the state.

Attorney G. W. Murphy, representing Chapman, asked the court to note an exception to the decision denying the motion, and it was entered on the record.

The action of Murphy in having the exception noted is taken to indicate that an appeal will be taken and the supreme court asked to review the case if the jury brings in a verdict of guilty against Chapman.

Judge Calls Defense Insecure
In announcing his decision on the motion, Judge Jennings said that he could not believe the defense sincere in its claim that it desired to remove Chapman from the possibility of facing a hostile jury, or the jury trial would not have been selected. He said that the defense could have chosen trial by court, and he had not heard it said that the court had been prejudiced as a result of reading newspaper articles on the crime and Chapman's past record.

Before court was adjourned, Judge Jennings turned to the press table and announced that because of the fact that a large number of jurors and witnesses would be present during the first days of the trial, the capacity of the court room would be taxed, and it would not be possible to accommodate the public.

For this reason, he said, the public would be excluded early in the trial, but he expected that after the trial was under way, it would be possible to lift the ban and allow admittance of spectators.

The stage now being set for the opening of the trial next Tuesday morning, State's Attorney Hugh M. Alcorn and his entire staff were busily engaged today putting the final touches on the case against the bandit. All the witnesses who will be called by the state to testify against Chapman were again interviewed this morning at the state's attorney's office. They were called upon to relate in detail all their knowledge concerning the affair, and the result of their observations in the court room yesterday, all of them being present during the hearing.

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THE WEATHER

For New Britain and vicinity: Unsettled tonight and Thursday probably rain; colder Thursday.

RESCUE PARTY IN DESPERATE DRIVE TO REACH MINERS

Hope Still Held Out That Some of 34 Entombed Men May Be Found Alive

TERRIFIC BLAST CLOSES SHAFT IN WEST VIRGINIA

Basin of Hope Is That Men All Are Experienced Miners And May Have Found Safety Before Deadly Blackdamp Overtook Them—Situation However, Is Admittedly Bad.

THREE MEN ARRESTED;
MAY BE BOMB PLOT
Fairmont, W. Va., March 18.—Three men were placed under arrest today in connection with the explosion at Mine 41 of the Bethlehem Mines Corp., in which 34 men were entombed. The arrest followed the report of a possibility that the disaster had been caused by the explosion of a bomb.

Fairmont, W. Va., March 18.—Hope of reaching the 34 men entombed in Mine 41 of the Bethlehem Mines corporation at Barracksville, three miles west of here, some time this afternoon was expressed shortly before noon today by members of rescue parties who were entering the mine that was wrecked by an explosion last night.

But Little Chance
No bodies had been found at the time the statement was made and in a telegram to Governor Gett, at Charleston, R. A. Lambie, chief mine inspector of West Virginia, declared it was impossible as yet to tell whether any of the imprisoned miners would be found alive. His telephone described the situation as bad.

Most of the entombed men are experienced miners and officers hold a slender hope that they may have been able to brattice themselves in a section of the mine before the deadly blackdamp overtook them. The workmen were scattered about in various sections of the pit and hope was still entertained that some might be rescued alive although it was admitted by rescue workers to be a slender one.

No Hope Till Late Tonight
R. M. Lambie, chief mine inspector of West Virginia, declared this afternoon that rescue workers would not be able to reach the 34 entombed miners in Mine 41 of the Bethlehem Mines corporation before late tonight.

Men Probably Dead
The belief was expressed earlier in the day that they might be rescued during the afternoon. There has been no indication as to whether any of the miners survived last night, which wrecked the mine last night. Rescue crews held out little hope that any of them will be taken out alive.

The 34 miners were entombed last night when an explosion wrecked the shaft. A shaft of flame burst up through the opening that extends 300 feet below the ground. A low rumbling preceded the explosion. The air was filled with the mine's lighting equipment and fans, causing the tipple to totter and fall into the shaft and which shook buildings in Fairmont, broke windows and shook doors from their hinges in houses 300 feet away.

Reports Discouraging
Since crowds of frantic women and children have milled about the mine trying to find some of the entombed men. Only two rescue workers had been able to send word to the surface, and that word was not encouraging. R. M. Lambie, chief mine inspector of West Virginia, and his companion were the first to go down. They pushed their way past the debris to the stable where the mine horses were kept. All these animals were dead. Then they pushed on into the mine, but they were unable to find the telephone wire. It was some moments before Renkewitz could free himself, and being unable to telephone the police it was some time before the authorities were notified of the robbery. In the meantime the trio of holdup men had made a clean getaway. None of them wore a mask or other disguise. One was a blond youth about 18, and wore a grey suit, the other swarthy, wore a dark suit.

Waterbury Driver Held For Death of Woman

Waterbury, March 18.—Coroner John T. Monahan in a finding issued today in connection with the death of Mrs. Rita Bolivier, also known as Rita Greenwood, 27, holds Daniel E. Griffin, Twining avenue, driver of a car which struck and fatally injured the woman, as being criminally responsible for her death. Griffin was arraigned in city court yesterday morning on a charge of manslaughter and was granted a continuance of two weeks, under bonds of \$1,000.

Alcorn Nollas Case Against Mrs. Maston

Hartford, March 18.—State's Attorney Hugh M. Alcorn today nollas the assault case against Mrs. Mary C. Maston of Bloomfield. The woman was accused of putting poison in a teapot and serving the contents to her husband, Archie Maston February 9. Maston was taken to a Hartford hospital and recovered within a few days.

Rhode Island Man Named For Argentine Position

Washington, March 18.—Peter Augustus Jay of Rhode Island, at present minister to Rumania, was nominated today by President Coolidge to be ambassador to Argentina.

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HOME OF TORRINGTON'S PROSECUTOR IS DAMAGED BY BOMB UNDER PORCH; ATTACK FOLLOWS WHOLESALE RAIDS

20,000 Made Homeless In Fire In
Tokio Residential Section, 3,000
Homes Burned; Casualties Feared

Financial Loss Not Yet

Estimated, Nor Has List

of Dead or Injured Been

Checked Up—Lack of

Water Hampered Fire-

men.

By The Associated Press.

Tokio, March 18.—Twenty-thousand persons were made homeless when a major conflagration swept northeastern Tokyo today, destroying 3,000 buildings and resulting in unestimated casualties. The fire was brought under control tonight.

The conflagration swept over northern Tokyo this afternoon, fanned by a gale, and had destroyed more than 1,000 houses by 10 o'clock tonight and was spreading in all directions.

Troops were on the scene tearing down houses in an effort to prevent a worse spread of the blaze, while thousands of residents laden with household effects were struggling toward safety.

Firemen were at first helpless in their attempt to check the conflagration because of drought that had exhausted the reservoirs. Great confusion prevailed.

Starts In Factory.
The fire started in a factory at Nippori section, in northeastern Tokyo, and tonight was sweeping in a southwesterly direction toward Ueno, largest of the metropolitan parks and site of the famous imperial museum and zoological gardens.

Simultaneous with the outbreak of the major conflagration, fire started in the Ohimachi and Zoshigaya districts, detached areas, but those were controlled.

Finally Controlled.
The main fire was brought under control tonight and finally extinguished.

First estimates of the damage revealed 3,000 houses were burned away and 20,000 persons were made homeless.

Many casualties are feared. The money damage has not been estimated.

The fire swept through an area which was being rebuilt after the recent fire and earthquake which devastated the city.

It started in a factory district untouched by the fire that came in the wake of the earthquake and ran its course through a district made up of temporary and reconstructed buildings. In the area are many wooden structures.

GAS STATION ROBBED

Seymour Man Is Victim of Bandits

Who Hold Him At Bay While They Take About \$70.

Seymour, March 18.—The gas station of John Renkewitz, on Derby avenue, was held up by two men at midnight last night who compelled Mr. Renkewitz to throw up his hands while they ransacked the place for money, getting away with about \$70. Before leaving into the machine, which had been left in charge of a third man, the bandits put Renkewitz into the toilet and barred the door, also cutting the telephone wire. It was some moments before Renkewitz could free himself, and being unable to telephone the police it was some time before the authorities were notified of the robbery. In the meantime the trio of holdup men had made a clean getaway. None of them wore a mask or other disguise. One was a blond youth about 18, and wore a grey suit, the other swarthy, wore a dark suit.

Office Boy Killed

Bridgeport Youngster Crushed In

Elevator and Body Is Not Found Until This Morning.

Bridgeport, March 18.—Gustave Kovacs, 15, office boy at the Ashcroft Mfg. Co. was crushed to death last night when caught between the platform of a freight elevator and the top of the elevator shaftway door on the fourth floor of the factory building. His body was discovered at 7 o'clock this morning by a workman at the plant.

The elevator which caused the boy's death is one that is seldom used. It is built for carrying heavy machinery and not for passenger use.

Mrs. Green Provides Upset In Fourth Round of Play

Brookline, Mass., March 18.—Mrs. H. Stuart Green of Arkisley, N. Y., provided an upset in the fourth round of play in the national women's indoor tennis singles championship on the Longwood covered courts today by defeating Mrs. Lillian Scherman Hester of New York, last year's runner up for the title, 7-5, 6-2.

The meeting, it is expected, will be attended by a large number of club members. The old staff of officers, headed by Mrs. Laura M. Morgan, president, will be in charge.

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LITHUANIANS REPORT AN ALLEGED ATTACK

Claim Polish Frontier Patrol Orders Evacuation—Appeal to League

By The Associated Press.

Paris, March 18.—A Polish frontier patrol is charged by the Lithuanian legation here with having attacked Lithuanian border guards near Sirvintai without provocation Monday night and to have threatened to occupy the district by force of arms unless the Lithuanians evacuated it by 3 p. m. yesterday.

The Lithuanian government appealed to the league of nations to interfere to stop the Polish attacks and demand the release of three Lithuanian soldiers taken prisoners by the Poles.

The Lithuanian legation avows that the Polish patrol, which included some cavalry and had ten machine guns, surprised the Lithuanian guards and drove them back, and that during the Lithuanian counter-attack took three of the Lithuanian prisoners, although the Lithuanian guards regained their original positions.

The legation says it is authorized to affirm that the Lithuanians never crossed the boundary line. The Lithuanian commandant in the Sirvintai district has been instructed to warn the Poles that the territory would be defended.

Big City in Peru Is Destroyed by Floods

Private Radio Dispatches Tell of Disaster at Trujillo

By The Associated Press.

Lima, Peru, March 18.—Official and private radio advices from Trujillo, the third largest city of Peru, say that the city has been destroyed by inundations caused by torrential rains.

The inhabitants abandoned their homes, taking refuge in elevated fields nearby. Efforts made to erect flood gates to stem the advance of the rising waters were useless.

Advices from Trujillo are incomplete.

Arrests in Dean Case Likely to Occur Soon

State Police Brought Into Monmouth Tragedy—Dead Man Had Fractured Skull.

New Haven, March 18.—State police and officials who are conducting investigation of the disappearance of Leonard Dean of Westfield, Mass., whose body it is believed, was the one found burned to death in a fire that destroyed a cottage owned by his parents at Monmouth, early Sunday, intimated today that arrests might be expected within 24 hours. The body found and believed to be that of Dean, who was at the cottage with others on Saturday, was found to have a fractured skull.

Witnesses examined by the coroner and others have told of a party of men and women at the cottage Saturday night, of screams heard on the beach and the carrying of some one into the cottage several hours before the fire.

Theron Palmer, a friend of Dean, stated that the young man left last Saturday night for the cottage after spending part of the afternoon with him and Mrs. M. A. Stowell and her daughter, Mrs. Esther Stowell Krewson, the latter a friend of Dean of several years standing, according to Palmer.

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